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Serving the men and women of Fighter Country

Luke Air Force Base, Ariz.

Blast from the past ...



Staff Sgt. Christopher Matthews

German F-4 "Phantom IIs" from the 20th Fighter Squadron, Holloman Air Force Base, N.M. support the 21st Fighter Squadron March 12 through today as "red air" in dissimilar air combat training at Luke. The F-4s flew at Luke from 1971 until 1982.

Census 2000 counts military members

1st Lt. Dave Graham

56th Fighter Wing Manpower

Armed forces members and their families make immense contributions not only to the nation's security, but also to the communities where they live. Officials are asking them to perform one more civic duty – make sure they are counted in Census 2000.

Just as the Census Bureau asks the civilian public to participate in Census 2000, it also asks the armed services to cooperate with census-takers. The bureau has entered into partnerships with each branch of the armed services and has provided them with plans and materials to make sure counting is done properly. The local census office trains base personnel, provides materials and assists with questions and problems that arise during the census.

Luke census representatives begin

distributing the Military Census Reports April 3 and must have all inputs returned by April 7.

"This is a one-week, full-court press," said Lt. Col. Paul Price, 56th Mission Support Squadron commander and Luke's census project officer. "One hundred-percent military participation is essential to the success of the census at Luke. Each group and squadron has appointed representatives to distribute and collect this data – every form is accountable and will be matched against the base military personnel listing."

Active-duty members must fill out a special "Military Census Report." If someone is on temporary duty at another location, the permanent-duty station compiles an MCR from a member's records.

People living in family housing or off base receive an additional "Individual Census Report." The bureau accepts both surveys, however, military members may

annotate on the ICR that they are a military member and have completed the MCR at Luke and place the ICR back in the mail. Only the MCR is mandatory for military personnel; the bureau eliminates any duplications during processing.

Department of Defense civilian employees are counted via their home questionnaires but will not fill out an MCR.

The data collected helps determine the number of seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives. In addition, census information also includes helping decision-makers understand where to build hospitals and highways and which neighborhoods need new schools, more services for the elderly or housing assistance. People who answer the census also help their communities obtain the correct amount of state and federal funding.

"This massive undertaking is only conducted every 10 years," Price said.

"Just think how much the Phoenix area has grown since 1990. You can see why this is crucial to our community."

It is important that everyone answer all the questions on the census forms. Answers are confidential and no data on any individual or family will be published, Price added.

By law, the bureau cannot share an individual's answers with others, including welfare agencies, the Immigration and Naturalization Service, the Internal Revenue Service, the courts, the police or the armed forces. Census employees and armed forces personnel who help with the census at the installation are sworn to protect the confidentiality of all answers.

In addition, the Census Bureau seeks bilingual recruits to staff facilities and conduct the census. For more information, call (888) 325-7733.

Ready to strike ...



Senior Airman Shanna Jones

56th Security Forces Squadron Counter Terrorism Team members apprehend a "terrorist" Monday during force protection training. The members train to provide a secure environment for aerospace assets and protect the Luke community while providing a combat-ready deployable force. For more information on security forces, see page 12.

Orange identifies prisoners

By Staff Sgt. B. Coors-Davidson

56th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

In an effort to ensure security of inmates assigned to the Luke confinement facility, all inmates now wear a distinctive orange jumpsuit while serving time as the result of court martial conviction.

To address AETC concerns regarding the control of confined individuals, Maj. Al Jamerson, 56th Security Forces Squadron commander, directed prisoners to wear the distinctive uniform.

"The jumpsuits allow Luke members to readily identify inmates," Jamerson said. "Prisoners are always accompanied while they are performing details or going to appointments. If someone sees an unescorted person wearing an orange jumpsuit, Security Forces needs to know immediately. The distinctive uniform also reminds military members that violations of the Uniform Code of Military Justice can result in punishment more severe than letters of reprimand or fines.

Luke prisoners are listed in two categories: medium-out and medium-in. Medium out prisoners are permitted to be accompanied outside the confinement facility to details and other appointments. Medium-in prisoners are not permitted outside the confinement facility.

"Luke has a three-bed confinement facility and averages two prisoners most of the time," said Senior Airman Brent Thomas, 56th SFS confinement NCO. "The prisoners are usually well behaved but sometimes we get one that wants to test the system. Prisoners are generally well behaved because they know that poor behavior can lead to an extended sentence or transfer to a higher security facility."

Luke enlisted members ordered to confinement while awaiting trial and those convicted and sentenced to less than six months of confinement, serve their time at Luke. Those sentenced to more than six months but less than one year are confined in a regional facility at Kirtland Air Force Base, N.M. Those sentenced to more than a year, go to Miramar Naval Air Station, San Diego. Regardless of sentence length, officers are confined at Ft. Leavenworth, Kan.

Action Line



Col. Steve Sargeant
56th FW commander

The 56th Fighter Wing Commander's Action Line is your direct line to me. I get personally involved in every reply. Your ideas and concerns help build a stronger foundation on which we can successfully complete our mission and take care of our people.

Before you call the Action Line though,

give Luke's professional experts a chance to answer your question in concert with your unit chain of command. If the appropriate official is unable to provide a satisfactory response, call me at **856-7011** or send an e-mail to command.actionline@luke.af.mil. Please include your name and telephone number so I can provide a personal reply to your concern. Together we can make Luke a better place to live and work.

Who to call:

Fraud, waste and abuse hotline	856-6149
Base exchange	935-4652
Commissary	935-3821
Patient advocate	856-9100
Legal assistance	856-6901
Law enforcement desk	856-5970
Housing office	856-7643
Military pay	856-7028
MPF customer service	856-7874
Civil engineer customer service	856-7231

Local-area leave clarification

Comment: What is the general area you can travel, before you must be on leave? Is leave required for a weekend trip to San Diego; Las Vegas; Nogales or Rocky Point, Mexico?

Response: According to Air Force Instruction, "leave begins and ends in the local area. The local area is the place where the member lives and from which he or she commutes to the duty station." There is no mileage restriction set for the purposes of taking leave other than local area, or commuting distance to work. A weekend is considered a normal pass and has no mileage restrictions. However, the member must be able to return to duty within the timeframe a commander or supervisor deems reasonable, in case of a recall or mission requirement. Please note, should members leave the country, they must be on leave and carrying the member's copy of AF Form 988. For further guidance, see your unit commander,s support staff.

Sortie Scoreboard

Fiscal year 2000 programmed flight training

	To date	Goal
Pilot graduates	349	876
MRT graduates	336	972
Sorties flown	17,164	38,595*

Luke people deployed:

AEF 5 and 6 people deployed: **67**

CED deployed people: **10**

*Based on current contract as of Tuesday**

Augmentees remain vital to Luke's force protection

By Maj. Al Jamerson

56th Security Forces Squadron commander

There is a group of men and women at Luke who are, in my opinion, the most under appreciated and unrecognized group around. They go about their duties in all types of environments, from dust storms and rain to searing heat rising above 120 degrees.

These people work in confined spaces, commonly referred to as gate shacks — the air conditioner may or may not crank out cool air, and there may be a friendly creature or two to keep them company.

These same individuals don't complain — well, maybe a little bit — but they still show up for duty, ready to get the job done.

At this point, you probably think I'm trying to elicit sympathy for the members of my squadron. No, I'm simply trying to recognize some folks the 56th SFS depend on to help protect Luke. I'm talking about the 174 security forces augmentees who have worked with us over the past 18 months.

These airmen come from almost every sector of Luke. They are your dedicated crew chiefs, communicators, information managers, personnelists, training managers

**"... we ask
(augmentees) to
do everything we
ask our fully trained
security forces
troops to do."**

Maj. Al Jamerson

56th Security Forces Squadron

and supply technicians, just to name a few. When we need them, they come even though their shops are already undermanned.

I can't tell you how many phone calls I've fielded from unhappy supervisors who can't afford to lose their valuable troops. They come at times of the day or night that they may not be accustomed to working.

"I didn't join the Air Force to be a cop" is a common refrain. But without fail, augmentees come to work because they know they are needed to get the mission done. This group truly is the personification of "service before self."

The 56th SFS enjoyed a record-breaking year due, in no small part, to the selfless efforts of our augmentees. They stood guard for

six and 12-hour shifts while the dreaded "Ammo Road" gate underwent modifications and repairs — you would be amazed at what an 18-wheeler can do to a gate.

Augmentees deployed as follow-on protection forces for four aircraft mishaps. At the time, security forces suffered from severe manpower shortages and increased worldwide deployments. There is no way we could have adequately protected Luke without "auggie" support.

On many occasions, we used them to protect the world's largest compilation of F-16s and to wave traffic onto the installation. In short, we ask them to do everything we ask our fully trained security forces troops to do. They accomplish it with superb professionalism befitting the world's most powerful Air Force.

On behalf of the men, women and dawgs of the 56th SFS, I extend my sincere thanks to all augmentees and their units for the sacrifices they've made on behalf of Luke force protection.

56th SFS didn't get to be the Air Forces' best security forces squadron on its own. This award belongs to the augmentees as much as it belongs to us. We never say it enough, but I want all auggies to know, you are appreciated.

AF explains proposed symbol

By Col. Ron Rand

Air Force Public Affairs director

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — Four weeks ago, U.S. Air Force Online News carried a story about developing and testing of a new Air Force symbol and theme.

Although a final decision on the symbol is pending, the secretary of the Air Force and the Air Force chief of staff are aware of the keen interest throughout the force in its ultimate shape, design and meaning.

They also want all members of the Air Force family to understand the motivation behind the development of a new and unifying symbol and theme to represent Air Force people and all the important things they do for our nation.

This initiative isn't about changing or re-inventing the Air Force. It's about ensuring our people and the public we serve have a clear, consistent understanding of who we are and the value we provide our nation. Because change always causes turbulence, we expect and welcome criticism and advice. We've received more than 10,000 inputs from all over the Air Force and the general public.

The U.S. Air Force symbol honors the heritage of our past and represents the promise of our future. It retains the core elements of our Air Corps heritage — the "Arnold" wings and star with circle — and modernizes them to reflect our future aerospace force.

The symbol has two main parts. In the upper half, the stylized wings represent the stripes of our strength — the enlisted men and women of our force. They have



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been drawn with great angularity to emphasize our swiftness and power, and they are divided into six sections which represent our core competencies — aerospace superiority, global attack, rapid global mobility, precision engagement, information superiority and agile combat support.

In the lower half there is a sphere, a star and three diamonds. The sphere within the star represents the globe. It reminds us of our obligation to secure our nation's freedom with Global Vigilance, Reach and Power. The globe also reminds us of our challenge as an expeditionary force to respond rapidly to crises and to provide decisive aerospace power, worldwide.

The area surrounding the sphere takes the shape of a star. The star has many meanings. Its five points represent the components of our one force and family — our active duty, civilians, Guard, Reserve and retirees. The star symbolizes space as the high ground of our nation's aerospace force. The rallying symbol in all our wars, the star also represents our officer corps, central to our combat leadership.

The star has been framed with three diamonds, which represent our core values — integrity first, service before self and excellence in all we do. The elements come together to form one symbol that presents two powerful images — at once it is an eagle, the emblem of our nation, and a medal, representing valor in service to our nation.

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Practice makes perfect ...



Tech. Sgt. Julie Briggs
Todd Canale, a fire inspector for the 355th Civil Engineer Squadron at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base is interviewed March 17 by Tech. Sgt. George Jozens, 56th Fighter Wing Public Affairs, while he poses as a member of the local media during an on-scene commander training session. The class is designed to prepare base emergency response officials for accidents, natural disasters and other contingencies.

Luke undergoes ECAMP

By Tech. Sgt. Julie Briggs
 56th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Team Luke came away from a recent environmental assessment with 13 positive and zero significant findings March 13-16 by AETC evaluators.

Known as the Environmental Compliance Assessment Management Program, ECAMP gives Team Luke a snapshot of how well it is complying with federal, state and local environmental laws and regulations as well as Defense Department and Air Force policies and instructions.

A positive finding identifies an exemplary standard of good environmental management or demonstrates an effort to exceed compliance requirements. No significant findings means the team found zero cases posing a threat to human health, safety, the environment or the installation's mission.

"It was a great week for the AETC ECAMP Team and Luke," said Lt. Col. Roger Bousum, chief of AETC's environmental integration and analysis branch. "The entire base should be proud of the external ECAMP results."

During the visit, 13 areas or environmental protocols were checked. They ranged from air and water quality to hazardous materials to natural and cultural resources management.

The positive findings ranged from the complicated, such as the work to come off the National Priorities or "Superfund" list, to the relatively simple, such as adding a spill response checklist to the spill kit.

Other highlights included creating database programs and request forms to not only order and track hazardous materials, but to also track their shelf-life expiration dates; and creating a shared folder on a computer system to track volatile organic compounds from painting and degreasing operations throughout the wing. The creation of an asbestos

and lead-based paint inventory management plan and developing a spill containment system for jet fuel additives at the fuel loading-unloading area were also positive findings.

"Our assessors were extremely impressed with the Unit Environmental Coordinator program," Bousum said. "We found so many superb people doing the kind of things that make Luke a leader in environmental stewardship. Luke continues to do a great job balancing a huge flying training mission with the robust regulatory climate in Arizona and Maricopa County."

Although there were zero significant findings, AETC team members did identify some vulnerabilities and management practices to address.

Findings are classified as high- and low-vulnerability referring to the likelihood of generating an enforcement action from a regulatory agency, such as the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency or the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality, for noncompliance. Management practices are problems based on DOD or

Air Force requirements separate from law. A management practice may also involve recommendations for reducing environmental risks and improving environmental management functions.

"The next step is to close out the report and share the positive findings with other squadrons and other bases within the command," said Col. Edward Kasl, 56th FW vice commander and chairman of Luke's Environmental Protection Committee. "We need to close it out at the level needed to protect our people and the environment."

Five outstanding performers were also named during the assessment, for a complete list, see the "Salutes" section on page 13. For a complete listing of the ECAMP results, contact unit environmental coordinators.

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 AETC environmental integration and analysis branch chief

56th Equipment Maintenance Squadron

Maj. Lorraine Souza is 56th EMS commander.

Hometown: Seekonk, Mass.

Years in service: 15

Family: Husband, Lt. Col. Walter Scales, 310th Fighter Squadron,

Education: Bachelor's of science degree in aeronautical engineering technology and master's degrees in human relations and military operational art and science

Previous assignments: George Air Force Base, Calif.; Kunsan and Osan Air Bases, Republic of Korea; Myrtle Beach Air Force Base, S.C.; MacDill Air Force Base, Fla.; Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii; and Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

Inspirations: A beautiful day and my dad

Goals: To enjoy life and leave the world better than I found it.

Greatest feat: Touching someone's life in a positive way.

Self-description: Hard-working, too serious and driven

Famous last words: Life is short, so make the most of it!

Off-duty: Textile and needle arts, reading, science fiction and ancient history

Bad habits: I have none — ask my husband!



Souza

News Briefs

Personnel, info mgr. luncheon

The personnel and information managers of the year awards luncheon is April 4 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at enlisted club. The event is sponsored by the First Sergeants Council. For more information, call Senior Master Sgt. Bryan Evans at 856-3216.

Census 2000 clarification

The Census Bureau has begun distributing individual census reports to Luke community residences. Active-duty people also receive military census reports at their work centers beginning April 3. Active-duty may complete both surveys; however, only the MCR is required for active-duty military people. Questions can be directed to Lt. Col. Paul Price at 856-7001 or 1st Lt. Dave Graham at 856-8552.

Shoppette test hours

The shoppette tests the following hours for 90 days: weekdays from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. and weekends from 8 a.m. until 10 p.m.

Afterschool teen clinic

An afterschool teen clinic is open for teen-specific health care and manitenance needs. Teens are seen between 4 and 6:30 p.m. The clinic can also be used for sports or school physicals, but is not for acute, sudden onset problems or contagious illnesses. Appointments are made by calling 856-2273.

Youth center road closure

The street between Fowler Park and the youth center is closed weekdays from 3 to 7 p.m. for the children's safety.

House-buying seminar

A house-buying and resale seminar is Wednesday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Bldg. 7328.

Job fair

The family support center and Arizona Job Service sponsor a job fair of more than 100 employers Wednesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the enlisted club. People should have resumes and be prepared for interviews. For information, call 856-6839.

Phone number change

The 56th Fighter Wing commander's phone number has changed to 856-0056. The command post number is 856-5600.

Tax center help, volunteers needed

The Luke Tax Center needs front desk volunteers. The center is open Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. at Bldg. 1150, Room 1064. The center provides free income tax help to active-duty members and retirees; appointments are not necessary. For more information or to volunteer, call Barbara Gaugert at 856-3140 or Staff Sgt. Jay Dorris at 856-6901.

Mow down pollution

Maricopa County residents can receive a \$100 rebate March 31 from 4 to 7 p.m. and April 1 from 8 a.m. to noon when they replace gas-powered mowers with "air-friendly" electric-powered mowers. Residents can also receive a \$50 rebate for turning in other gas-powered lawn equipment such as leaf blowers and string trimmers. Equipment must be purchased and vouchers turned in to Salt River Project by April 30. The program is sponsored by SRP, Maricopa County and Luke's Trip Reduction Program. To make an appointment, call (602) 236-9669 or for more information, call Gary Ewing at 856-3815, ext. 234.

Operation identification

The 56th Security Forces Squadron has an engraver for Defense Department identification card holders. Law enforcement and insurance officials suggest people engrave unchangeable personal information on items such as power tools and electronics. The engraver can be signed out for one day at the security forces desk in Bldg. 179. For more information, call 856-5970.

Luke hosts 2000 job fair

Story and photo by
Tech. Sgt. Janay Carleen Baptiste
56th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

The Family Support Center, in conjunction with the Arizona Department of Economic Security Job Service, hosts its third annual job fair Wednesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Desert Star Enlisted Club.

More than 80 companies are represented, said Dott McDaniel, FSC program manager.

"Employers love having access to our labor pool," she said. "They like the work ethics and the calibre of skills."

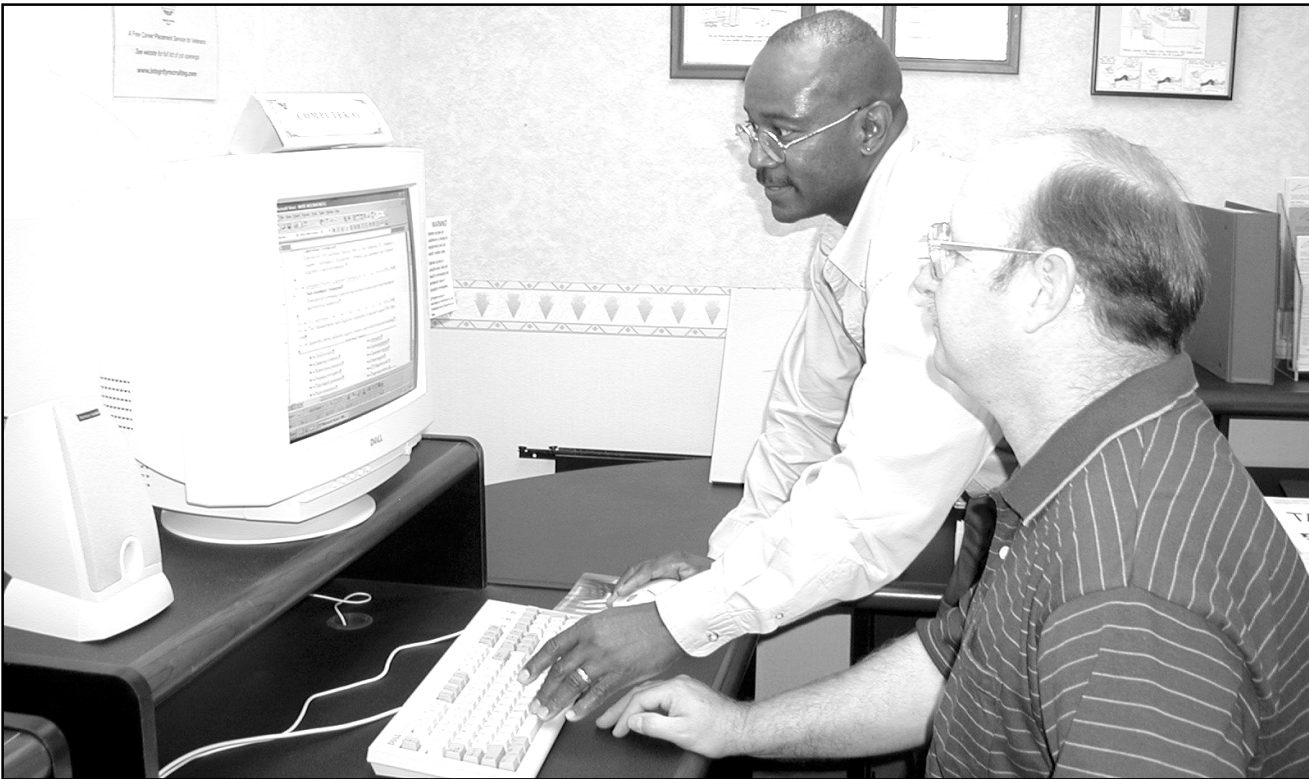
"A lot of Luke members are also familiar with the overseas environment and many speak a second language. Employers like that global aspect."

However, the job fair will cater to jobseekers of all sorts. People interested in discussing a possible career change or job opportunities, should come with resumes ready to give to potential employers.

The center sent invitations to approximately 200 employers. Many of them will conduct on-the-spot interviews, and in the past, a fair percentage of people have been hired at the fair McDaniel said.

Some of the companies represented are: Maricopa County Community Colleges, the Los Angeles Police Department, Honeywell, CIGNA Health Care, Mobil Oil Corporation, Peoria Chamber of Commerce, U.S. Border Patrol, the FBI, Arizona Security Alarm, America West Airlines, FedEx Ground and CNC Global.

For those who are transitioning from the Air Force, the center has a three-day program that teaches job search strategies, interviewing techniques and developing a resume. Individuals are also taught how to dress for an interview and how to do salary surveys.



James Knuckles (standing), family support center transition assistant manager, helps Mark Misenheimer prepare a resume for the upcoming job fair.

"The Department of Labor calls it the best they've seen in the state," McDaniel said.

That is good news for Lora Walsh, Litchfield Elementary School district personnel director.

"We're trying to get the word out that we have lots of job openings," she said. "We have everything from teaching to office aides."

Walsh said she's aware that with the transitory life of military members, their spouses need jobs and Litchfield School District is a good place to work.

Mark Misenheimer separated under early retirement in 1994, but when his company recently downsized, he was laid off. He said he looks forward to the job fair.

"Maybe I can find my dream job here," he said. "I feel lucky about the opportunities I have using the resources available at the support center."

Staff Sgt. Dave Costen, an 11-year veteran and 63rd Fighter Squadron weapons loader said he is also excited about the job fair. He separates May 1.

"I'm ready for a career change," he said. I want more opportunity to use different skills; specifically information technology."

The job fair is open to all Luke personnel, their families, individuals with identification cards and those members who have separated within a year. For more information, call employment assistance at 856-6839.

56th SFS reports weekly blotter

56th Security Forces Squadron commander's note: *Crime does not stop at the fence surrounding Luke. Team Luke members can "take a bite out of crime" by reporting suspicious activities and people.*

56th SFS members responded to the following incidents March 14 through Monday:

Accidents

- ♦ A senior airman struck a parked vehicle at Bldg. 668.
- ♦ An airman struck a government vehicle on the flightline.
- ♦ A senior airman's unattended but idling vehicle struck a parked vehicle in housing.
- ♦ A captain struck a vehicle on Litchfield Road adjacent to Bldg. 1150.
- ♦ A retired chief master sergeant struck a parked vehicle at Bldg. 1541.
- ♦ A civilian struck a support beam with his luggage rack at Bldg. 1541.
- ♦ A civilian employee struck a vehicle while turning onto Commissary Road.

Thefts

- ♦ A staff sergeant reported a bike stolen from housing.
- ♦ A vendor reported items stolen from Bldg. 1540.
- ♦ A family member reported items stolen from her vehicle at Bldg. 177.
- ♦ A wife of a retiree was detained for shoplifting at the base exchange.

Damage:

- ♦ A civilian reported damage to his vehicle at Bldg 668.
- ♦ An airman first class reported damage to her dormitory window screen.
- ♦ A husband of a captain reported damage to his vehicle in base housing.
- ♦ A technical sergeant reported damage to Dormitory 565.

Other:

- ♦ An airman was apprehended for failure to obey.
- ♦ There was a verbal argument in housing.
- ♦ A staff sergeant was apprehended for driving under the influence.
- ♦ An ex-husband was escorted from housing.
- ♦ A lance corporal was apprehended for underage drinking.
- ♦ A staff sergeant is being investigated for threatening a lieutenant.
- ♦ Medical, fire and security forces responded to Bldg. 1540 after a BX employee tripped.
- ♦ A senior airman was assisted in locating his daughter in housing.
- ♦ There were three noise complaints, 12 dormitory lockouts, two housing lockouts, two stray canine calls and one alarm activation.

Anyone with information on Luke crimes, call the 56th SFS desk at 856-5970 or investigations at 856-3748. If reporting a crime or an emergency, call 856-5970 or 911. Callers may remain anonymous.

No smoking here ...



Senior Airman Beth Krichbaum

A mama dove keeps people in the Defense Automated Printing Service building from smoking since she built a springtime nest in their ash tray.

Wing Warrior

This column recognizes Team Luke members' contributions to wartime readiness in the tradition of 2nd Lt. Frank Luke.

Name: Capt. Stephen Waller, 56th Training Squadron air-to-ground flight commander and instructor pilot

Hometown: Decatur, Ala.

Years in service: 10

Inspiration: Those who have served, defended and given their lives so others may enjoy the incredible freedom we have in America. ... God has given me the greatest inspiration to serve others and give my life if needed...

Off duty: Family time, serving people and the community through my church and reading, running and working out.

Commander's comments: "Walleye goes the extra mile," Col. Hook Louisell, 56th Operations Group commander, said.

"He volunteers for every tactical subject-matter expert job, advancing Luke's ability to do our primary mission — train the future combat Air Forces, one F-16 pilot at a time."



Waller

Luke's Spirit

Col. Steve Sargeant, 56th Fighter Wing commander, uses this column to recognize Team Luke members' outstanding customer service.

Name: Airman 1st Class James Love, 56th Transportation Squadron vehicle operator and dispatcher

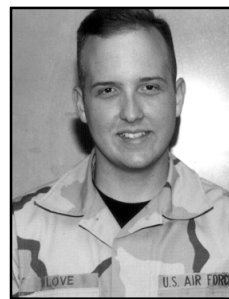
Hometown: Marshall, Texas

Years service: Two

Words of wisdom: "To the ones I leave behind, don't miss me. I won't be back."

Off-duty: Baseball, movies, spending time with my girlfriend Stacy

Commander's comments: "James is our primary distinguished visitor and protocol driver. He always looks sharp, is prompt and presents the most positive image of the squadron and the Air Force," Col. Ron Lee, 56th Logistics Group commander, said. "In the past six months, he has driven more than 2,200 miles, transported more than 1,200 passengers and hauled some eight tons of cargo."



Love

National Women’s History Month

AETC’s ‘top doc’ reflects on AF career

By Staff Sgt. Cheri Dragos
12th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFPN) — Breaking into male dominated roles is nothing new for AETC’s top surgeon. Col. Jackie Morgan became the first woman in the Air Force to serve as a major command surgeon when she took the helm in 1996, making Air Force history. Morgan has been where no woman has been before. Serving as AETC’s director of medical services and training, she’s also known as the command surgeon. In 1990, at Norton Air Force Base, Calif., she became the first woman to be a team chief of the active-duty forces medical inspection division. In 1986, at Incirlik Air Base, Turkey,

she became the first woman in the Defense Department to be a hospital commander. Morgan entered the Air Force in 1980 as a major, and raised a family of four and has two grandchildren. She operated her own private medical practice for 14 years prior to entering the service, and has served her country for 20 years. “Women can do anything they want,” Morgan said. “They just have to put forth the effort and really want it. Women have the potential to hold most any position, as long as they are qualified. I don’t think they should be held back simply because they are women.” As the command surgeon, Morgan advises the AETC commander on medical readiness, aerospace medicine, healthcare

delivery, graduate education and technical training at 14 Air Force medical units. She is responsible for a \$370 million annual budget and more than 10,000 personnel to support 500,000 beneficiaries. She also develops AETC medical contingency plans, establishes professional policies and much more. “In other words, I stay very busy,” she said. “I think I’ve had an advantage over most women coming into the Air Force, simply because I had so much experience from running my own practice for 14 years,” Morgan said. “When I went through medical school, only 10 percent of the medical students were female and now about half of the students are female. Things have changed for the better.” Lt. Gen. David McIlvoy, AETC vice com-

mander, said, “Colonel Morgan is a pioneer in the medical field, and is a dynamic leader and a great role model for women in our Air Force. We’re very lucky and proud to have her on our team.” Many people have called Morgan an inspiration, but to her it’s not something she’s preoccupied with. “I just come to work and do my job the best I can. However, I am very honored to know that I can possibly give others inspiration to achieve more,” Morgan said. As part of Women’s History Month, Morgan is the reviewing official for the Basic Military Training course graduation at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, March 31. She reads the trainees the oath and swears them in during the ceremony.

CSAF reading list: Books feature enlisted pilots

The Air Force Chief of Staff’s reading program, which began in 1997, is designed to promote personal professional development for all Air Force members, civilian and military.

The program aims to instill both a deeper sense of pride in the Air Force’s rich heritage and a stronger understanding of its role in meeting the nation’s security objectives. Each quarter, one of the books from the CSAF’s reading list is spotlighted as the book of the quarter.

Air Force members of all ranks and grades are encouraged to read the featured title, which is available in all Air Force libraries.

“It’s not the policy of the War Department to train enlisted men in flying aeroplanes,” is a quote featured in this month’s book.

This quarter’s featured book is “They Also Flew: The Enlisted Pilot Legacy, 1912 to 1942,” by Lee Arbon. Arbon traces the history and achievements of enlisted aviators from their earliest days in flight through 1942.

From the start, these “sergeant pilots” struggled to earn their wings in a military organization that traditionally reserved pilot positions for commissioned officers.

Arbon argues that enlisted personnel were allowed to earn their wings to offset a shortage of officers entering the Signal Corps Aeronautical Division and later the Army Air Corps. They filled in the gaps when and where they were needed. They flew fighters, bombers, transports, and trainers during war-time, and some paid the ultimate price for their service.

Between the wars, they were involved in airmail operations, aviation races, weather data flights, aerial acrobatic contests and forest fire patrols. Many became instructor pilots and flight test pilots.

As World War II approached, pilot training resumed for enlisted personnel as the demand for pilots was at a premium. However, this action created animosity among those who wanted all pilots to be officers.

As a consequence, most active-duty enlisted pilots were ordered to extended duty as reserve officers. Enlisted pilots were a dying breed, and in November 1942, the U.S. Army Air Forces concluded that upon graduation, enlisted aviation cadets would be promoted to the rank of flight officer, a rank equivalent to warrant officer. In early 1943,

the Army Air Forces ordered its commanders to promote all their flying sergeants to the rank.

These men persevered through two world wars enduring bureaucratic discrimination while facing the hazards and dangers of flight. Their selfless acts and outstanding conduct are worth attention; out of their ranks came 17 “aces,” 11 generals and more than 155 men killed in action.

Arbon provides a fascinating account of this proud group of aviators, and his book is a “must read” for all Air Force members interested in exploring their heritage.

For more information on this book and others on the CSAF’s Reading List visit the web site at www.af.mil/readinglist. *(Courtesy of Air Force News Service)*

National leaders state AF memorial long overdue

By Senior Airman A.J. Bosker

Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — Air Force leaders told participants at an Air Force Memorial dinner March 15 that a national memorial to our Air Force men and women — past, present and future — located in our nation’s capitol, is long overdue.

“The Air Force Memorial will be a powerful symbol and compelling confirmation of the greatness and glory that is our Air Force — an Air Force whose accomplishments are the summation of the great efforts of all the men and women who have served in the past, present and future,” said Undersecretary of the Air Force Carol DiBattiste.

“The (Air Force) Memorial will be about people,” Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Michael Ryan, said.

“(The Air Force Memorial) is a fitting tribute to the sacrifices made by airmen throughout history,” Ryan said. “It is also fitting this particular memorial be erected (on Arlington Ridge) close to Arlington National Cemetery and to Ft. Myer, (Va.) the location of the first military flight, and close to the resting place of the first military aviation casualty.

“However, this memorial is not just about sacrifice, it is also about success,” he said. “It’s about people who showed great courage in combat and who performed their mission with determination. It is about those airmen who served and continue to proudly serve their country today and in the future.”

The Air Force would not be the premier aerospace force in the world without its quality men and women, DiBattiste said.

The memorial, scheduled for completion in 2002, is an abstract sculpture based on the Air Force star and designed to evoke the idea of air and space to embrace and include all airmen, according to Chuck Link, Air Force Memorial Foundation president.

At the heart of the memorial is the Earth projection experience showcasing Air Force technology. From that vantage point, visitors will be able to gaze down at a large format screen displaying a satellite image of the Earth. Periodically, the image will transition to pre-produced footage of aerial “fly-bys” above a particular location around the world.

Air Force ‘top cop’ commander hangs up beret after 30 years

By Chief Master Sgt. Gary Emery
Air Force Print News

LACKLAND AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — An Air Force Security Forces legend hung up his beret after a “heroic and remarkable career” March 16, when the Air Force retired its longest-serving active-duty member ever.

Brig. Gen. Richard Coleman, the former director of Security Forces and commander, Air Force Security Forces Center, exited Lackland’s parade field and the Air Force after 43 years, four months and two days of enlisted and commissioned service. Gen. John Jumper, Air Combat Command commander, presided over the ceremony.

More than 1,000 security forces members, including military working dog teams, participated in a parade honoring Coleman. Also on display were security forces members wearing uniforms representing the many types the Air Force’s “top cop” wore throughout his long career. A mounted horse patrol — a Coleman innovation used at Howard Air Force Base, Panama, to efficiently protect Air Force people and facilities in dense jungle areas — stood on display in stark contrast beside high-tech up-armored High Mobility Multi-purpose Wheeled Vehicles.

A security forces professional throughout his career, Coleman is credited with transforming the role of Air Force security forces from primarily law enforcement to combat-ready force protection. As director of Security Forces, he presided over the consolidation of the career field, which formerly consisted of separate law enforcement, air base defense and combat arms specialties. In addition, Coleman is noted for having established a single “Defensor Fortis” (defender of the force) beret flash for all security forces members, which is worn on the blue beret.

In 1956, Coleman enlisted in the still-young Air Force as an air policeman. For the next 15 years, he served around the world as a security specialist. In 1972, Coleman earned a bachelor’s degree in criminal justice through the Bootstrap Commissioning Program and was commissioned as a distinguished graduate of Officer Training School. He served two tours in Vietnam and was the officer in charge of security forces at Tan Son Nhut Air Base, South Vietnam in 1975 during the evacuation of Saigon at war’s end.

Addressing the security forces troops on the parade field, Coleman said “I couldn’t be prouder to have been associated with you. The air planners know that anywhere our Air Force goes today, it will have a world-class security force along with it.”

AF top leaders plan to simplify commitments

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — The Air Force secretary and chief of staff have chartered an integrated process team to look at how to simplify and standardize active-duty service commitments.

Lt. Gen. Roger DeKok, deputy chief of staff for plans and programs, will lead this effort to ultimately help servicemembers and personnel officials understand and determine correct ADSCs using Air Force instructions. The team consists of representatives from various Air Staff directorates, affected major commands and the Air Force Personnel Center.

The team’s goal is to produce, as quickly as possible, a unified, concise table of all ADSCs which can be easily understood, administered and ensures a responsible return is realized on the investments in training and education the Air Force makes in its people, Air Force officials said.

The IPT is meeting and will hold follow-on meetings if needed.

AF Reserve looks at Gulf War illness

By Staff Sgt. Leslie McCoy
Citizen Airmen correspondent

The Office of the Special Assistant for Gulf War Illnesses is looking for Air Force Reservists who have deployed to south-west Asia since 1990.

After returning from the Persian Gulf region, some military people reported suffering from common ailments such as joint pain, headaches, sleep disorders, depression, fatigue, memory loss, muscle pain and skin rashes. In November 1996, the Department of Defense responded to the veterans’ concerns by creating an investigative team to get to the bottom of the mysterious symptoms.

Investigative Team

“Primarily, the new team pledged to do a better job listening to veterans’ concerns and problems and incorporating what they were saying into the Gulf War illnesses investigation,” said David Evans, outreach director for the Office of the Special Assistant for Gulf War Illnesses.

To fulfill this pledge, the office embarked on an outreach program.

“We expanded the toll-free hotline number that serves as a focal point for veterans to report incidents they believe might have contributed to or caused Gulf War illnesses,” Evans said. “We expanded the DOD’s Gulf War illnesses web site and added a two-way e-mail capability. And to reach those without Internet access, we developed a bimonthly newsletter.”

The mission

The organization has a three-part

mission: to ensure all those who served in the Persian Gulf region receive appropriate medical care; to do everything possible to investigate and explain Gulf War illnesses and inform veterans and the public of progress and findings; and to put into place all required military doctrine and personnel and medical policies and procedures to protect military forces in the future.

The Office of the Special Assistant is investigating and analyzing all the reports of potential environmental exposures that may have occurred before, during and after the war, which may have resulted in health problems to veterans.

“The Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs understand veterans are experiencing real symptoms and illnesses,” Evans said.

During the Persian Gulf War, nearly 700,000 U.S. troops deployed to South-west Asia. Since their return about 120,000 people have reported suffering one or more symptoms.

In studying these 120,000 people, the investigative team has found no similarities in unit assignment or location, no similar pre-existing conditions or symptom consistencies and no links between exposures and symptoms. Furthermore, there are no common factors related to the onset of symptoms. These inconsistencies have so far made it impossible to come up with a single diagnosis or explanation for the symptoms people experience.

Battle environment

“Despite a substantial amount of medical research, we still do not have an answer to that basic question,” Evans said.

One area the investigative team is considering as a contributing factor to Gulf War illnesses is the “dirty battlefield” environment the troops fought in. Things like the oil well fires, the use of pesticides, and the sand, insects and infectious diseases common in South-west Asia are all possible contributing factors.

Also, the team is considering the possibility that administering combinations of inoculations could have caused some of the unexplained illnesses.

To ensure there are no unexplained illnesses among large groups of troops that participate in the next large-scale contingency, DOD is taking a number of steps.

Before troops deploy in the future, each individual will provide a DNA sample that will be kept on file. Also, each person will provide a pre-deployment blood sample that will give a baseline for physicians to consider if the servicemember returns from the deployment with physical ailments.

Immunizations must be up to date as well as a current physical exam on file, and each deploying member will fill out a health questionnaire before deploying.

While troops are deployed to the area of operations, the military will keep better track of their health and medical treatments. There will be routine disease and injury reporting, much like that conducted in field hospitals, as well as detailed immunization tracking. Medical laboratories will be located in the theater of operations and the military will closely monitor environ-

mental conditions.

In addition, the DOD is considering the use of personal information carriers. These are tags military members would wear that contain digitized medical data that would give in-theater medical providers immediate access to accurate clinical information.

With these tags, medical providers would be able to update people’s permanent medical records in the field.

Deployment followups

After troops return from the deployment, another blood sample will be collected for comparison with the sample taken prior to the deployment. People will undergo medical debriefings and complete a health questionnaire. Finally, people who need them will receive screening exams.

For more information on Gulf War illnesses, people can visit the DOD web site at www.gulflink.osd.mil.

Anyone wanting to subscribe to the Gulf News bimonthly newsletter can send their name and address to the Special Assistant for Gulf War Illnesses, 5113 Leesburg Pike, Suite 901, Falls Church, VA 22041.

For information on the Comprehensive Clinical Evaluation Program, call (800) 796-9699.

Gulf War veterans who have separated from the military and want information about the VA’s Persian Gulf Registry or who want to schedule a physical examination or take part in other available programs, call (800) 749-8387 or visit the VA’s web site at www.va.gov.

Air Force officials need JROTC instructors

By Tech. Sgt. Robert Barrett
Air University Public Affairs

The Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps add 45 new units in high schools during fiscal year 2000 and seeks 90 Air Force retirees to be aerospace science instructors to teach mentor youths.

The expansion provides opportunities for students and also creates rewarding community service positions for retired servicemembers, said Lt. Col. Jimmie Varnado, Air Force Officer Accession and Training Schools junior program branch chief at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

Air Force Junior ROTC will increase the number of units from 609 to 945 over the next six years. There are 189 schools on the waiting list to open a unit and letters about the expansion were sent to each of those schools, Varnado said.

“Junior ROTC affords teenagers an opportunity to belong to a group that will build self-confidence and help them become better people – better citizens,” said Brig Gen. John Spiegel, AFOATS commander. “For retirees, it’s a chance to create better students, better citizens and ultimately, a better nation. I challenge eligible instructors to pass on our core values to students.”

Eligible candidates must have completed a minimum of 15 years of active-duty service and be retired for no more than four years; in some cases this requirement is waivable. Personnel may apply if they are within six months of their last duty day, prior to retirement.

“There is a need for additional instructors,” Varnado said. “As the economy gets stronger, it becomes more difficult to recruit instructors because the Air Force has to compete with private industry. So, the Air Force is trying to notify retirees of vacancies throughout the world.”

Varnado said one common question is the salary of Air Force Junior ROTC instructors – who pays it? The difference in pay between retired pay and active-duty

pay, including nontaxable entitlements, is split between the school district and the Air Force pay.

“The law says instructors must receive what they would make if they were recalled to active duty; although, many instructors earn more than that amount,” Varnado said.

A formula was developed that determined a target number of schools Junior ROTC should have in each state, Varnado said. Schools that apply for units and are from under-represented states, move up on the waiting list. Some schools, however, may not know about the list and may be unaware of the expansion program.

To combat this lack of awareness, the Air Force is aggressively promoting Air Force Junior ROTC Varnado said. Representatives are being sent to the National Associations of Secondary Schools Principals Conference and the National School Board Association Conference to tout the program.

“There are many staunch supporters of Junior ROTC. In fact, Colin Powell, Tom Brokaw and Barbara Bush are scheduled as guest speakers at one of these conferences. People who have been involved with Air Force Junior ROTC can confirm the program is a challenging environment, promoting leadership and teamwork for high school students,” he said.

The program is a citizenship program, focusing on the motto “building better citizens for America.”

“Our curriculum is made up of two parts,” Varnado said. “Part one is based on aerospace science and focuses on the frontiers of aviation history, the science of flight and the exploration of space. The second part focuses on leadership training, which includes drill and ceremonies and preparing students for life after high school. Our lead-

ership education textbooks show cadets the importance of how to balance a checkbook, health and wellness, the dangers of drugs, etc. In some cases, we have students come in and train in CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation).”

Varnado said the bread and butter of the program is community service. Food and clothing drives, Adopt-A-Highway and Habitat for Humanity are some of the

community service programs cadets are encouraged to participate in, as well as school activities.

“Most of the activities we do, especially public speaking or learning communications skills, augment or help our cadets in other classes,” Varnado said.

Cadet Tiffany Jackson, a senior at Robert E. Lee High School in Montgomery, Ala. said she has learned to be independent while still working within a team.

“Before, I was kind of wild,” Jackson said. “Now I have to dress a certain way and act a certain way – I respect myself, too. What you learn in Junior ROTC will follow you whether you go in the military or not. What you learn is good for the military world and the civilian world.”

“Who better to teach students about interacting within society than those people who helped preserve it during their military careers,” Varnado said. “Cadets get an opportunity to learn from these seasoned Air Force veterans who know firsthand the challenges of military life.

For information, visit the website at www-afloats.af.mil or call (800)522-0033 extension 7743 or 7744. (Courtesy of AETC News Service.)

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Childcare

New program offers options for working families

By Staff Sgt. Cynthia Miller
Headquarters U.S. Air Force

WASHINGTON — Working parents will have more childcare options available when changes to Air Force family childcare programs take effect May 1.

To address the growing need for childcare services the Air Force has expanded its childcare provisions to include the use of off-base home care providers as long as those providers meet the service’s strict standards.

“The Air Force is able to meet about 60 percent of its need for childcare in our child development centers, currently licensed homes and our school-age programs,” said Dr. Beverly Schmalzried, Air Force Services, chief of family member programs. “We have a goal of trying to meet 80 percent of the need, so having affiliated off-base homes will help us get closer to meeting that goal.”

The new provisions align an affiliated off-base childcare program with the accreditation standards of the National Association for Family Child Care, and allows for provisional, standard, developmental and accredited licenses.

Bases may offer affiliation only to the spouses of active duty military and retirees. It also allows providers to keep their licenses if they move on or off-base, Schmalzried said.

“We have many trained providers who PCS (make a permanent change of station move) but can’t get into

family housing right away, so we lose them,” she said. “We lose other providers when they decide to buy a house and move off base. But under the new instructions, we can keep those providers while offering more flexibility to servicemembers and their families who live off base.”

Providers of off-base family childcare must comply with the licensing requirements of the county, state or country in which they live in addition to Air Force standards.

For example, Schmalzried said, Air Force standards limit the number of children per home to six, however, providers must be aware of local laws and comply with the state’s or county’s number if it is lower.

In addition, Air Force standards regarding childcare facilities are often more specific in terms of health and safety than local requirements.

“Air Force provisions are based on a national accreditation standard for quality child care,” Dr. Schmalzried said. “We take a whole child developmental approach and require our providers to read to the

children at least once per day, take them on field trips, and in general, help them to develop their pre-school abilities.”

In addition to developmental requirements, the Air Force conducts monthly, unannounced inspections.

“Most states conduct a minimal inspection that covers safety only, and they inspect once a year, or if there’s been a complaint,” Schmalzried said.

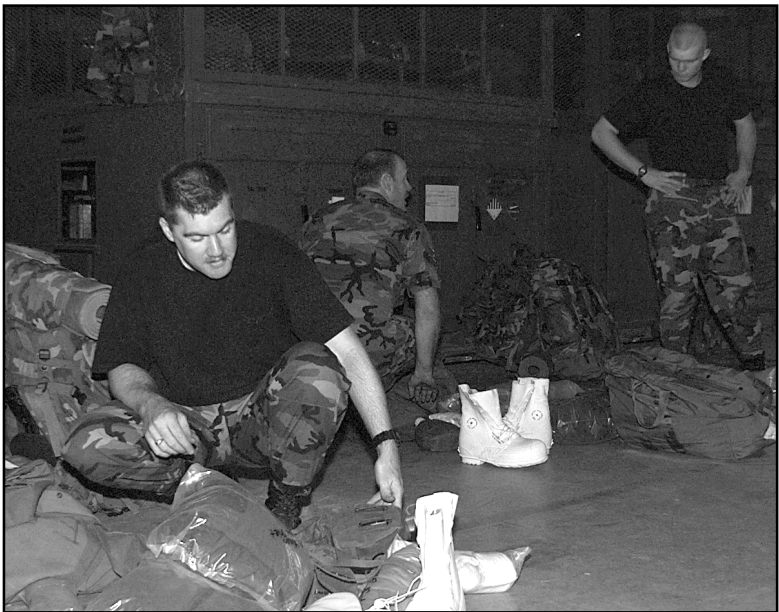
Once a provider has met local and Air Force requirements and passed an inspection performed by a task-certified member of the family child care staff, they will have access to resources such as cribs, toys, books and health and safety items provided by the base lending program. They will also be included on referral lists.

“Family child care providers are required to complete CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation training), first aid and a set of DOD-wide family child care modules, she said.

For more information on the affiliate program, call the base family childcare coordinator at 856-7472 or 856-6998.

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Air Force Services family member programs chief



‘Ready to Strike’

By Staff Sgt.
B. Coors-Davidson
56th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Standing “ready to strike,” the 56th Security Forces Squadron mission to secure aerospace assets, protect the community and deploy forces anytime, anyplace reaches beyond the boundaries of Luke and around the world.

Joint Vision 2010 states, “the Air Force is transitioning from an air and space force to a space and air force,” and the 56th SFS people prove time and again that they have what it takes to meet the security need of the wing, the Air Force and the nation.

The day-to-day security and law enforcement needs of Luke are just a small part of the challenges facing the 56th SFS.

“The squadron and the security forces career field have gone through some pretty tough times,” said Maj. Al Jamerson, 56th SFS commander.

“Low manpower, decreased retention and long duty hours are just a few examples. Each of our security forces team members always rise to the occasion, show great professionalism and keep a ‘never quit’ attitude.”

The squadron has about 150 people including support and civilian members that serve the largest fighter training base in the world.

“It takes a team effort to

56th SFS protects Luke Air Force Base, AF assets worldwide



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meet our mission requirements,” Jamerson said. “There have even been times when our support people are issued a weapon and go out on post. That’s where our training, camaraderie and sense of family pays off.”

In addition to the challenges facing most Air Force

security forces squadrons, Team Luke has been faced with and overcome other obstacles. They continue to set the standard.

Luke’s security forces members were the first responders to eight F-16 crashes in a little more than a year, coordinating immediate

protection to ensure each site remained sterile and pristine for accident investigators.

Gen. Lloyd Newton, AETC commander, praised Luke’s security forces for having the “best” AETC installation anti-terrorism program.

As junior ranking security forces airmen are capable of

doing what only NCOs did just a few years ago, the squadron supports world-wide deployments and consistently receives “kudos” from deployed commanders and supervisors for their professionalism and dedication, Jamerson said.

“I’ve been a part of many security forces organization in my career and there is none better than the warrior men and women of the 56th Security Forces Squadron,” said Col. Michael Hazen, 56th Support Group commander.

“They have made it to the top-two security forces squadrons in the Air Force and have proven they are ready to win it all.”

Innovations keep them at the top of their profession.

Trainers in the squadron created a computer database to assist airmen in Career Development Course training that has resulted in no CDC failures since its inception.

Serving as examples of “excellence in all we do,” many security forces members bring credit to the squadron including the title of the world’s best handgun shooter and praise for life-saving actions at the scene of a vehicle accident.

In every area of the security forces mission, the 56th SFS continually demonstrates Air Force core competencies and members demonstrate core values as the squadron stands “ready to strike.”

Salutes

Top Gun

56th Fighter Wing “Top Gun” Awards

The following 56th Fighter Wing people are the 1999 “Top Gun” award winners:

Overall Top Gun: Maj. Dan Swayne, 21st Fighter Squadron

Visual-level delivery: Maj. Mike Goldfein, 63rd Fighter Squadron

System-level delivery: Maj. Doug Schaare, 309th Fighter Squadron

LOFT: Maj. Tod Fingal, 62nd Fighter Squadron

Duke of Nuke: Maj. Tim Forsythe, 63rd FS

High-angle release bomb: Maj. Ed Ingham, 310th Fighter Squadron

High-angle drag bomb: Maj. Tim Hax, 310th FS

Low-angle, low-drag: Maj. Ancel Yarbrough, 62nd FS

Low-angle, high-drag: Maj. Mike Synoracki, 21st FS

Low-angle toss: Maj. Bill Engelson, 308th Fighter Squadron

Low-angle strafe: Lt. Col. Dave Plant, 62nd FS

Annual award winners

Weapons awards

The following Luke people are the 1999 weapons award winners:

Weapons apprentice: Senior Airman James Jackson, 310th Fighter Squadron

Weapons technician: Staff Sgt. Laura Griggs, 61st Fighter Squadron

Weapons supervisor: Tech. Sgt. Ted Larson, 21st Fighter Squadron

Weapons loadcrew: Staff Sgt. Laura Griggs, Senior Airman Gabriel Flagg and Airman 1st Class Jerry May, 61st FS

Quarterly award winners

Weapons awards

The following Luke people are the quarterly weapons award winners:

Weapons apprentice: Airman 1st Class William Young, 310th Fighter Squadron

Weapons technician: Staff Sgt. Dennis Huntley, 61st Fighter Squadron

Weapons supervisor: Tech. Sgt. Ronald Barnard, 61st FS

Foreign Object Debris Fighter Award

The following Luke people are the quarterly FOD fighter award winners:

56th Operations Group: 425th Fighter Squadron

56th Logistics Group: Capt. Gary Wiley, 56th Equipment Maintenance Squadron

Individual: Simon Martinez, 56th EMS

Warmheart

The First Sergeats Council thanks Credit Union West for a \$2,500 donation to the Luke Operation Warmheart fund.

Commander’s Access Channel

Air Force Television News, March 6 edition

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Thursday — 2 p.m.

Pharmacy teaches poison prevention

By Carrie Chalverus

56th Medical Group

As part of annual Poison Prevention Week and to increase public awareness, the Luke Pharmacy displays important prevention information and how to handle accidental poisonings.

Every 30 seconds a child is poisoned in the United States. Through Saturday, the pharmacy has a display table providing free ipecac syrup with instructions, informative brochures and special children’s activities.

Most poisonings occur when parents are not paying close attention to their children or when poisons are within easy reach.

The 2000 Poison Prevention Week theme is “Keep things up high so kids don’t die.”

Homes should be inspected for dangerous things that may be easy for curious hands to find because children can be very creative explorers.

Even when poisons are properly secured, accidental poisoning can still occur and adults should know what to do.

Families should be prepared for possible poisoning emergencies by posting the poison control center phone number by every telephone in the home.

The Samaritan Regional Poison Control Center in Phoenix serves Maricopa County, including Luke, and can be reached at (602) 253-3334 or (800)-362-0101.

The toll-free number automatically connects callers outside of Maricopa County to the Arizona Poison and Drug Information Center in Tucson.

Poison control phone number refrigerator magnets and stickers are also available at the hospital display.

To find out more about how to make a home safer, visit the pharmacy or call 856-3068.

Around Base

ALS car wash

Airman Leadership School Class 003 has a car wash and bake sale Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the base theater. Profits benefit the Phoenix Children’s Hospital. Donations are accepted. For more information, call Senior Airman Michael Mannino at 856-9016.

Family Springfest

Luke has a Family Springfest and parade April 22. The parade is at 9 a.m. in family housing and the Springfest is at Fowler Park from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Booths are available for squadron and group fundraising and event volunteers are needed. For more information, call 856-7470.

Congressional Award Program

The Congressional Award Program is for ages 14 to 23 and is a voluntary, noncompetitive program that recognizes young Americans for meeting established criteria in voluntary public service, personal development, physical fitness and expedition or exploration. Youths set goals with an adult advisor of their choice. For more information, call 856-7152.

CPR and first aid class

The Red Cross has an adult, child and infant cardiopulmonary resuscitation and first aid class April 15 at 9 a.m. at Bldg. 1150, Room 107 for military, civilian employees and family members. Cost is \$22.

Volunteer orientation

There is a Red Cross volunteer orientation class April 13 and 27 at 10 a.m. at Bldg. 1150, Room 1077. To register or for more information, call 856-7823.

Job fair

The family support center has a job and career

fair Wednesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Desert Star Enlisted Club for all Team Luke and family members. For more information, call Dot McDaniel at 856-6839.

Dental assistant training

The Red Cross has a six-month dental assistant training course beginning April 3. Classes are open to all military identification card holders. For more information, call Master Sgt. John Rossell at 856-7533.

Career fair

Estrella Mountain Community College has a career fair Thursday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 3000 N. Dysart Road, Avondale. Representatives from technology, education, health care, retail and other career fields are available. For more information, call (623) 935-8804.

Enlisted wives club

Spouses interested in forming an enlisted wives club can call Vernadene Loveland at 856-6835.

Rio Salado registration

Rio Salado College spring II term begins April 3. Placement tests for reading, math and English are Wednesdays at 9 a.m. and Thursdays at 1 p.m. For more information, call 856-3239.

Embry-Riddle registration

The Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University spring term registration ends today. For more information, call 856-6471.

Ocean excursion

Outdoor recreation has a four-day Coronado Island Memorial weekend ocean excursion near San Diego. The trip departs from Luke May 26 at noon and returns May 29 at 8 p.m. Cost is \$300 per person and includes transportation, hotel accomodations, half-day deep-sea fishing trip, tour

of the USS. Constellation aircraft carrier and a trolley tour through Old Town. Special payment plans are available. For reservations or more information, call 856-6267.

Canyon Lake excursion

Outdoor recreation has a Canyon Lake steam paddleboat excursion April 1. The trip includes transportation, cruise, a barbecue and fishing. Cost is \$23.75 per person. For more information, call Neal Washburn at 856-6267.

Arizona Renaissance Festival

The 56th Services Squadron offers free Arizona Renaissance Festival ticket drawings at all services facilities through March. Reduced-price tickets are also available from Information Tickets and Tours. The final festival days are Saturday and Sunday. For more information, call 856-6000.

Retirement center volunteers

Good Shepherd Retirement Center seeks volunteers for the adopt-an-elder program. To volunteer or for more information, call 875-0122.

Luke AFA Chapter

The Luke Chapter of the Air Force Association meets the third Friday of each month at noon at the enlisted club. For more information, call Harry Bailey at 846-7483.

Air Rescue Association reunion

An Air Rescue Association annual reunion is Sept. 24 to 28. For more information, call Shad Shaddox at (210) 656-0306 or visit the air rescue web page at pedroairrescuechopper.net/ara/.

Torrejon Air Base reunion

There is a Torrejon Air Base, Spain, reunion Aug. 31 through Sept. 3 in Mount Laurel, N.J. For more information, write to Burnethel Sanford, P.O. Box 3492, Riverside, Calif. 92519.

Chapel News

Worship schedule

The following is Luke’s worship schedule:

Protestant worship

- ♦ Holy Communion is Sunday at 8 a.m. at the Luke Community Chapel.
- ♦ Gospel service is Sunday at

8:30 a.m. at the Chapel on the Mall.
♦ Evening praise service is Sunday at 6 p.m. at the Luke Community Chapel.
♦ Morning worship service is Sunday at 11 a.m. at the Luke Community Chapel.

Catholic worship

- ♦ Saturday Mass is at 5 p.m. at the Luke Community Chapel.
- ♦ Sunday Mass is at 9:30 a.m. and

12:30 p.m. at the Luke Community Chapel.
♦ Weekday Mass is at noon at the Luke Community Chapel.

Sunday school

Sunday school is 9:30 a.m. in the education center annex, Bldg. 246 on 140th Drive near the Chapel on the Mall. Classes are for ages 4 through adult.

Lenten programs
♦ There is a Protestant Lenten devotion Wednesdays at noon at the Luke Community Chapel.
♦ There is a combined Protestant and Catholic lunch Wednesdays at 12:30 p.m. throughout Lent at the Luke Community Chapel.



Luke Movies

Movies begin at 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Children 12 and under pay \$1; adults \$1.50.

Today

“Eye of the Beholder” (R)



Stars Ewan McGregor and Ashley Judd. A startling journey into obsession, the story of an intelligence agent so taken with a beautiful killer he cannot bear to apprehend her. His mission is to track Joanna Eris, a woman suspected of blackmailing the son of a senior British official. (107 minutes)

Saturday and Sunday “Liberty Heights” (R)



Stars Arrien Brody and Bebe Neuwirth. It is Baltimore in 1954 and everything is changing. School desegregation is happening, bringing black and white children from different neighborhoods into the same classrooms. The dawning of rock and roll is giving teenagers their first slice of a musical world that will become uniquely their own. The influx of automobiles becomes a powerful force in America, allowing people the mobility and privacy to travel at will and see things right in their own hometown that were unknown to them. The Kurtzman family developed a newly heightened understanding of what it means to be Jewish in a rapidly growing world. (132 minutes)

March 31 “Snow Day” (R)



Stars Chevy Chase and Zena Grey. Anything can happen on a snow day and for Hal and Natalie Brandston, it does. For 15-year-old Hal, “anything” means the determination to declare his love for the girl of his dreams. With Hal’s pals Bill and Lane to cheer him on, this day is destined to change his life forever. His 10-year-old sister, Natalie, is driven to action by the object of her own desire: the legendary second snow day. Second snow days are so rare that no one Natalie knows has ever experienced one. (90 minutes)

Outdoor recreation offers adventures

By Senior Airman J. Propst
56th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Little money, no car and nothing to do – the outdoor recreation flight has a program that allows airmen of every rank to enjoy the beauty and excitement of the outdoors throughout the United States.

The 56th Services Squadron outdoor recreation flight offers affordable trips through the Adventure Bound program.

“People in the military have stressful jobs and need a positive way to blow off some steam,” said Neal Washburn, program coordinator. “That’s why I plan the trip from beginning to end. All participants have to do is show up. I try to make it as stress free as possible.”

The outdoor recreation flight works to keep the trips affordable for everyone. For instance, Memorial Day weekend they offer a trip to San Diego’s for \$300, which includes hotel accommodations for three nights, deep sea fishing, a tour of the USS Constellation, an Old Town trolley ride, a gas lamp tour, an evening at sea on the San Diego Queen for dinner and dancing as well as a day at Mission Beach.

If someone decided to take a trip like this on their own, it could cost approximately \$500, not including transportation. Outdoor recreation is even offering

payment plans to assist with the cost.

“When you show up for something like this, all you need is your suitcase and money for food,” Washburn said. “We will get you there and get you on all of the planned events.”

For people who want a more active trip, outdoor recreation also offers hiking, camping, rafting and horseback riding adventures. These trips range in skill level needed to participate from beginner to expert. At the end of April they offer a one-day rafting trip down the Verde River. They are also planning a seven day Hawaii trip in November.

For the most part, these trips are also set up so participants only have to show up with clothes to participate.

“I want the people of Luke to know three things, one, that outdoor rec is here, two it’s here for them and three we have a lot to offer,” Washburn said.

Airmen who don’t want to join large groups for their fun can also benefit from the programs. Outdoor recreation has information on camp grounds and wildlife facilities throughout the state as well as military installations around the country.

“Several of the people in the flight grew up in Arizona, so we are familiar with the area,” Washburn said. “We have more than 75 years of experience here.”



Courtesy photo

Outdoor Recreation horseback riding trip participants enjoy an outing. After a recent trip, Outdoor Recreation received a 98-percent superior rating.

With that experience the flight can not only offer the information logged into their computer, but the knowledge they have gained from running programs like these and exploring the outdoors themselves.

In addition to their adventure bound program, outdoor recreation also runs the base aquatics program and a rental program.

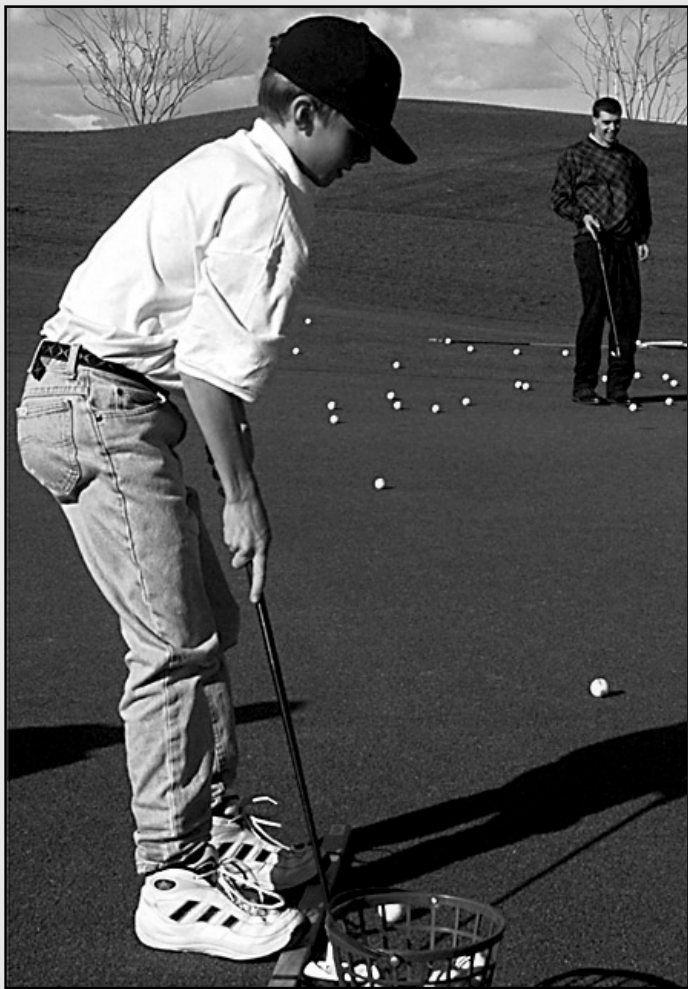
The aquatics program includes everything from first aid classes to low-impact

water aerobics. During the winter months, the outdoor recreation flight offers reduced-price passes to the Litchfield Park Pool.

The rental program has everything from a 22-foot deck boat to a roll away bed available at reduced prices.

“We have one of the best rental programs I’ve seen,” Washburn said.

For more information on the programs outdoor recreation offers, call 856-9334.



Fore ...

Trey Mitchell (left) practices putting while assistant golf pro Chad Capers encourages him during a youth golf camp Monday at Falcon Dunes. Penny Pulz (below) instructs a group of students on the proper way to swing a golf club. In addition to learning golf fundamentals, children who attended the week-long camp also received instruction on course etiquette and the harmful effects of drugs. The camp ends today with a tournament.



Photos by Tech. Sgt. Brandt Smith



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Eric Smith of the Tophats blocks Jeremy Larkin's shot.

Spikes squeak past Top Hats

By Senior Airman J. Propst
56th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

The 62nd Fighter Squadron Spikes squeaked by the 310th Fighter Squadron Tophats, 50-47, Monday during an intramural basketball game at the base fitness center.

The game started out with the teams exchanging baskets. Both teams were suffering from an empty bench, however the game soon picked up when Spikes’ players began showing up.

The Spikes soon started controlling the pace of the game and killing the Tophats on the boards.

The Tophats began a full-court press hoping to slow the Spikes offense, even though the Spikes had already pounded out a 10-point lead. The half ended with the Spikes leading 30-20.

Immediately after the half, the Spikes continued their scoring spree, bringing the gap to 15 points at one point, but the Tophats wouldn’t stand for it. With 10 minutes left in the game, they picked up the tempo, which caused the Spikes to lose their controlled offense and measured defense.

The Spikes soon settled down, but the Tophats weren’t done yet. Through foul shots and aggressive play, they continued to decrease the gap until only a point stood between them and the lead.

A series of foul shots for both teams made the game tense and ran down the clock. With seconds left in the game, the Spikes had possession of the ball, but instead of running down the clock, they shot and missed, giving the Tophats possession.

With the clock running down and the Spikes playing hard defense, the Tophats

tried to put a play together, but couldn’t make a basket before the buzzer sounded, giving the Spikes the game, 50-47.

Tophats coach James Jackson said he would have liked to control the tempo of the game more, but the empty bench prevented him.

“We went man-to-man for a while and increased the pace, which worked, but we couldn’t do that the whole game because we didn’t have a bench,” Jackson said. “We are a much better running team.”

The Spikes coach Tina Crosby credits their win to being able to put plays together.

“We were composed on our offense. We were a lot more under control than our last few games,” said Crosby. “We also made most of our foul shots at the end of the game when it mattered most.”

Sports Shorts

Bowl-a-thon

The chiefs group sponsors a bowl-a-thon April 14 at 1 p.m. at the Luke bowling center to raise money for the enlisted widows home. The price of \$5 includes shoes and three games. Contact any chief for a pledge sheet.

AFA golf tournament

The Air Force Association sponsors a golf tournament April 16 at 1 p.m. at the Falcon Dunes Golf Course. The tournament is a four-person scramble made up of two military and two civilian members. Cost is \$38 per person for military members and \$50 per person for everyone else. Register by April 5. For more information, call John Dearness at 975-9877.

Mini-triathlon

The fitness center and outdoor recreation sponsor a mini-triathlon April 22 at 7 a.m. at the Silver Wings Pool. The triathlon consists of a 500-meter swim, 10-mile bicycle ride and a 5K run, in that order. Individuals or three-person teams may compete. To register, call 856-6267.

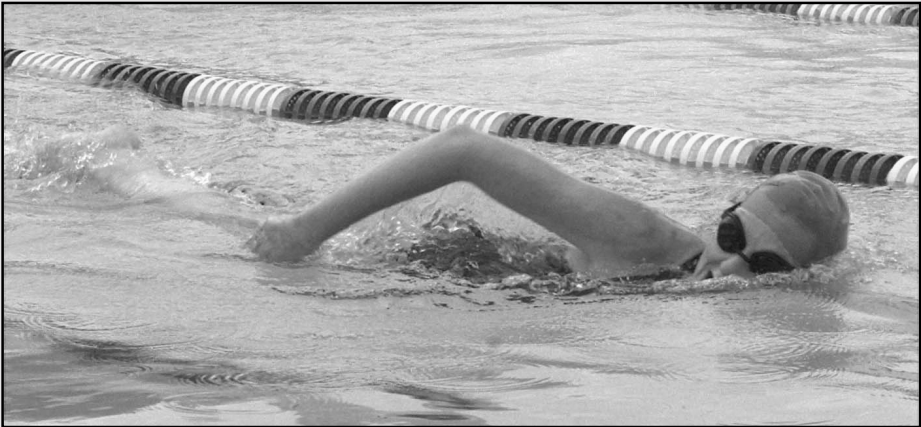
3-point shoot out

The fitness center sponsors a three-point shoot out Friday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the base fitness center. There are men’s and women’s divisions. For more information, call 856-6241.

3-on-3 tournament

The fitness center sponsors a three-on-three “hoop it up” basketball tournament April 8 at 9 a.m. at the fitness center. To register, call 856-6241.

Splish splash ...



Staff Sgt. Michael Burns

Martha Brewer swims laps at the Litchfield Park Recreation Department Pool. Team Luke can buy reduced-price passes for the pool through April from the outdoor recreation flight. Low-impact water aerobics and swimming classes are also available. For more information, call 856-9334.

